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DIARY NOTES


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1. Met with Messrs. Garrison,  and Abramovitz for a few minutes to discuss the building situation. Max thinks that everything is going along fine.

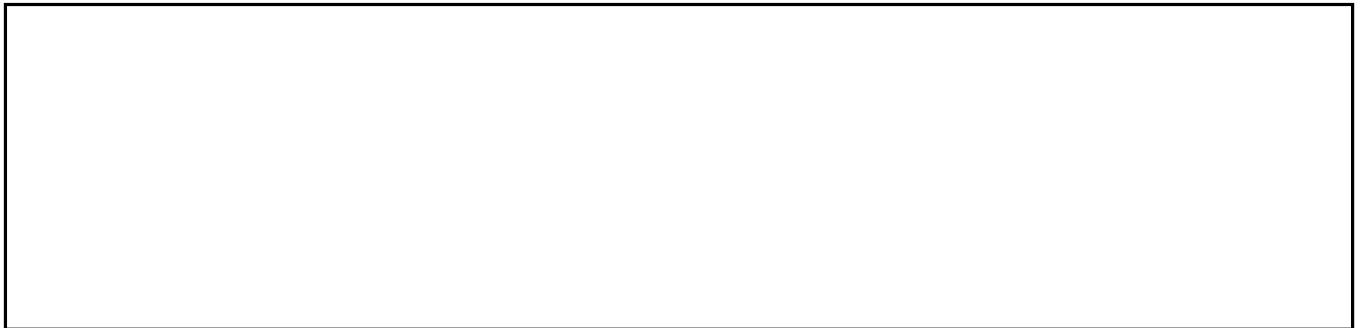
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2.  telephoned to say that the Director had requested that I make an address at the Lions' Club in McLean, Virginia, on either the first or third Thursdays of any month. He is sending over the correspondence.

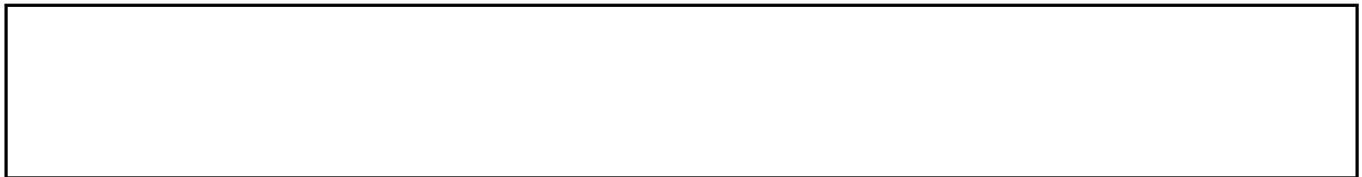
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3. Larry Houston reports that a brand new deal has come up which looks as though we may be able to clean up the books involving Project  I have authorized him to proceed.

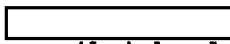

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6. Talked to  for about an hour concerning his future in the Agency. The facts are that he does not want to be in the Logistics Career Service or any other career service which would take him away from his present line of work involving research and development projects. He has not submitted his resignation as Mr. Bissell advised us and has not sought other employment. However, with four children to support if he cannot get promoted here it becomes a question of pure economics and he would look where he thought the possibilities were better. This brings into sharp focus the question of several other people on the Director's staff who are carried in the Administration Career Service and are not really true administrative people. I think that the best solution in this particular case is to transfer  to the Administration Career

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Service, give him his promotion to grade GS-15, and recognize that he is just one more of those who have been assigned to the Administration Career Service purely for the sake of expediency.

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8. Talked to [] about his future. He told me that the Project Administrative Planning business under the new concept was going very well. (This is generous of him inasmuch as he had opposed using this system.) He believes that [] should take over the Staff completely now; accordingly, we agreed that effective 1 November 1956 Chick would do so and that Ernie would continue to work on CAT matters, devoting about ten hours a week until the first of January and being carried on an LWOP status the remainder of the time. Effective 1 January 1957 we will execute some kind of a simple contract to keep him in the CAT business.

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9. Lunched with [] and discussed my observations of CAT in the field. He was quite upset about not having seen copies of the cables concerning the possibility of assigning [] to CAT in the capacity of a Vice-President. It was merely an oversight that he had not, and I arranged to get them to him without delay.

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10. Shef briefed me on the case of Mr. [] who had served for us in [] and who has absconded with some of our money to [] This is a serious case in which both Shef and Larry Houston are involved, but Kirk has quite properly been given responsibility for its handling.

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